THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI YIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Molestation of a woman by a Cop

2571. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report in The Hindustan Times of February 10, 2002, titled "Called for help, drunk cop molests woman";

(b) whether any action has been taken against the erring police official; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The vigilance inquiry conducted by Delhi Police in this case has revealed that the allegations made against the police official concerned are false and motivated. This conclusion is based, *inter-alia*, on the statements given by several neighbours of the complainant.

National Identity Cards

2572. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to link the proposed National Identity Cards with the Citizenship Act, 1955;

(b) whether the move is based on the recommendations contained in the feasibility report of TATA Consultancy; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) (a) to (c) in their feasibility report, M/s. Tata Consultancy Services had

recommended the creation of a legal framework for successfully implementing a national identity system. The question of issue of Identity Cards under the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955 is under consideration.

Mandatory registration of marriage

2573. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make registration of all marriages mandatory to protect women of socially and economically weaker sections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how women facing harassment from in-laws would be able to defend in the absence of legal documents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The para 6.3 of National Policy for the Empowerment of Women 2001 states that registration of marriages would be made compulsory. However, the legislation position is as under:

Registration of marriages solemnized or contracted under the India Christian Marriage Act, 1872, the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936 and the Special Marriage Act, 1954 is compulsory. Section 8 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 provides that if the State Government is of opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may provide that the entering of the particulars of Hindu marriages in the Hindu marriage register shall be compulsory in the State or in any part thereof, whether in all cases or in such cases as may be specified. Certain State Governments, namely, of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka have State Acts providing for compulsory registration of marriages in those States. Registration of marriages solemnized otherwise than under the Special Marriage Act, 1954 is permissible under Section 16 of the said Act if such marriages fulfil certain conditions as laid down under chapter III of that Act. The question of making registration of Hindu marriages compulsory